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NEWSLETTER

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WATER RATES

Effective September 1, 2020 the basic water rate will be increased by \$7.50 per month. You are paying \$29.80 now for the basic water rate. The rate will now be \$37.30 per month. The Town of Oakesdale has been awarded \$2.666 million from DOH to improve our water system. Department of Health and the WA State Auditors have noticed our water system over the past six years has not been sustaining itself. Our rates need to be increased to allow the water system to generate revenue to cover our expenses. Our loan from DOH will receive 100% forgiveness and we will only be liable for the interest on the money drawn from the loan to pay the contractors and engineers. This funding will allow us to improve the water system for about half the town. If the bid comes in lower than predicted then we will be allowed to add more water improvements until the funding is all gone. There will be another water rate increase in January 2021 for another \$7.50 per month making the basic water rate \$44.80. The overage will continue to remain \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used over the minimum.

OUTDOOR BURNING

Oakesdale's "no burning ban" will be lifted on **October 1st** for backyard burning of organic yard waste. Our Municipal Code requires burn piles can not be larger than three feet in diameter. Burning times are Monday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **ALL FIRES MUST BE EXTINGUISHED BY 4:00 P.M.** No burning is allowed on Sundays or holidays. Your fire and/or smoke must not create a nuisance which directly impacts another person in such a manner as bothersome, harmful or offensive. A minimum fine of \$75 to a maximum fine of \$500 will be assessed per violation of the Town Code. An outdoor burn pit in diameter of 4 ft by 2 ft is allowed for cooking purposes. Barbeques and outdoor grills are acceptable. A burn permit can be obtained for ceremonial, religious or celebratory occasions at City Hall if there is no County or State burn ban in place.

TOWN FALL YARD SALE – SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 19th

It's that time of year again! Clean out your garage and/or closets for our Town's Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Maps will be available at Crossett's Food Market. You can sign up for the yard sale at a cost of \$5.00 at Crossett's. This will be Collen Rose's last yard sale to organize. If you are interested in taking over organizing the community yard sales please contact Collen at (509) 397-8500. Please remember masks and social distancing will be required.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Town Council Meetings have been changed during the summer months. Council will meet on the normal first and third Mondays each month from September through April. From May through August, council will only meet on the first Mondays.

HOLIDAY

City Hall will be closed on Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday. The Town Council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 8th due to the holiday on Monday.

